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HASSLES?

Maybe we can help. We're not making any promises, but if we can help you to find your way through university red tape, we're at your disposal.

PARTY

The Graduate Students' Association will be holding its Mid-Term Party soon. There will be dancing and refreshments. Beer will be sold three for a dollar. Bring your Grad. I.D. You may also bring a friend.

Date: Friday, November 7, 1980

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: H-651

PARTY

G.S.A. FOSTER CHILDREN

The Graduate Students' Association has two foster children; Julia Aranciba in Bolivia and Egberto Rivera in Ecuador. We recently received a progress report from Julia's social worker:

Dear Foster Parent:

I thought it might please you if I sent this progress report to you which will let you know how your foster child and family have been getting along over here.

The child is an interesting and sociable girl. She has a regular contexture and a normal mental and physical development. She is well. After having gotten a 4.3 average, she passed to the second grade of Primary. She would like to be a dressmaker. She just loves to play with balls and dolls.

The child's parents are doing their best to educate well their children and to orient them as they can. Good emotional relationships within the family do exist. Pedro stays home. The father is working hard in order to provide everything and the mother takes care of all household chores.

Their income is \$48.00 and it is spent as follows: \$34.80 on food; \$0.40 on kerosene; \$4.80 on transportation; \$8.00 on others. Their annual expenses are \$8.00 on education and \$32.00 on clothing. The child did receive a special gift of \$10.45 on February 12, 1979. They bought the family needs with it. The monthly assistance you are sending is used to buy school supplies and foods.

They are living in their house of only one room which was rustically constructed and has its walls of tapial, the floor of earth and the roof of straw. As to furniture, the situation has not changed at all.

They are all well. In case of sickness, they go to the Health Post of Yotala, pertaining to Plan. Pedro and the mother were not in when they snapped the others. They were in the hillock taking care of the animals.

They are ready to take part in any work occurring in their zone. The social worker writes the child's letters. You will surely notice a change in their income, it is due to a recent devaluation of 25% of our money. Things are three times dearer than before and life almost impossible. They are striving to live everyday. We know that the house lacks totally of furniture and of kitchen utensils. They would like to go ahead but it is not easy. They hope firmly that you will keep on taking care of them, should everything go well for you. They are indeed grateful for all you have been doing for them and have permitted them to taste or to own. I would suggest that you not give up. Thanks for your understanding and your kindness.

Pablo Bodoha
Social Worker

NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES

As you know, Concordia is planning the construction of a new library. The G.S.A. feels that it would be most helpful for a particular area of this library to be set aside for graduate student study space. We would like some feedback from you. If you know of any universities where space is set aside as such, or have any suggestions on this subject, please let us know.

G.S.A. POLICY FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES

Limited funds are available to offset the cost of trips by those graduate students presenting papers related to their fields of study at conferences. Please apply in writing at least one month prior to the presentation of your paper, and be as detailed as possible. Please note that students may not apply for funds more than once during the calendar year. (Jan.-Dec.).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Sun Life of Canada is presently recruiting individuals with and without experience. For an interview or further information, telephone 866-7823 and ask for John Cahayla.

N.B.

In the past, the G.S.A. has been trying to cut the red tape for foreign graduate students at Concordia. The G.S.A. pointed out its position at CAGS meetings that it is time (with the shortage of research people in Canada) that foreign students not be exempt from eligibility to various government grants given to universities. In the past foreign graduate students could not apply for grants or receive funds from their professors. After extensive work by the G.S.A. at various levels in the scientific research community, CAGS etc., we are pleased that it has been decided that foreign graduate students with high academic records will now be eligible to receive funds from research grants given to professors by N.R.C. This is a major shift in their policy; realising the important contributions in research made by foreign graduate students.

EVENTS

DISCUSSIONS WITH KRISHNAMURTI

The G.S.A. is presenting a series of video-tapes of J. Krishnamurti in dialogue with a group at Brockwood Park in 1979. The video-tapes will be shown Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in H-820, October 24 thru November 28.

- Oct. 24 What Will Make Us Change
- Oct. 31 Education Part One
- Nov. 7 Education Part Two
- Nov. 14 Truth
- Nov. 21 Discussions with Buddhist Scholars Part One
- Nov. 28 Discussions with Buddhist Scholars Part Two

Free admission. For more information call 273-0909.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a Christmas Party for all graduate students and their guests. Don't forget your grad I.D.

Date: December 19, 1980

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: H-651

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

The G.S.A. has contacted Carl Sagan and Prime Minister Trudeau and is awaiting replies to our invitations.